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A recent collecting trip to Andros Island in the Bahamas yielded a number of new Bahamian records for the Laemophloeidae. Unless otherwise stated specimens representing the new records were collected in ultraviolet light traps in a hardwood coppice at Forfar Field Station during the period 2-7-VI-2001 by the author, B. K. Dozier, and R. H. Turnbow, and are deposited in the Florida State Collection of Arthropods. Forfar Field Station is located on the east coast of the north island, near the small town of Stafford Creek. The following are new Bahamian records:

Dysmerus basalis Casey: This species previously was known from the southeastern United States (Thomas 1993). One specimen.

Lathropus pictus Schwarz: This species has been recorded from the Lesser Antilles, U.S. Virgin Islands, Mexico, and Florida, but not the Bahamas (Thomas 1993). Uncle Charlie's Blue Hole, 1 specimen.

Metaxyphloeus vicinus (Grouvelle): I have seen specimens of this species from Central America, Trinidad, and Jamaica.. It has not previously been recorded from the Bahamas. One specimen.

Parandrita permixtus (Grouvelle): This species has been recorded from the Greater and Lesser Antilles and Florida in the United States (Thomas 1993), but

not previously from the Bahamas. Uncle Charlie's Blue Hole, coll. R. Turnbow, 1 specimen.

Rhinophloeus n.sp.: A series of an entirely pale, apparently undescribed, species of this genus represents the first record of the genus in the Caribbean outside of Trinidad. Four specimens.

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